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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT BONGO SUGGESTS FRANCOPHONE MILITARY FORCE

1. LOCAL MEDIA MAY 23 CARRIED TEXT OF COMMENTS MADE BY PRES BONGO TO RADIO MONTE CARLO MAY 21 RE DESIRABILITY OF FORMING FRANCO-PHONE MILITARY FORCE. ACCORDING MEDIA, PRESIDENT SAID "IT IS NECESSARY TO EXAMINE MEANS FOR CONSTITUTING FRANCOPHONE FORCE TO INTERVENE IN CASE OF NEED, AND TO DEFINE THE ZONES OF THEIR INTRODUCTION IN AFRICA WHICH WOULD PERMIT INTERVENTION WHEN COUNTRIES ARE VICTIMS OF AGGRESSION FROM OTHER AFRICAN AREAS.

2. CONTINUING, HE ADDED "I APPEALED TO COUNTRIES TO HELP ZAIRE. IF WE HAD HAD A FORCE LIKE THE BLUE HELMETS (UN), THE AFFAIR WOULD HAVE BEEN RESOLVED. PERHAPS WE NEED TO CREATE GREEN HELMETS. GABON CAN HELP ZAIRE WITH FUEL, BUT WE AFRICAN COUNTRIES DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH ARMAMENT TO FACE THOSE WHO ARE THE AGGRESSORS IN ZAIRE. PROBLEM OF AN ARMED AFRICAN FORCE MUST BE DISCUSSED AT OAU LEVEL. WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE FRANCOPHONE CONFERENCE, THESE COUNTRIES MUST DO SOMETHING."

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3. PRESIDENT BONGO WAS THEN REPORTED AS SAYING FRENCH INTERVENTION IN ZAIRE WAS WELCOME - " DECLARATIONS OF CERTAIN OPPOSITION LEADER IN FRANCE ARE NONSENSE. ONE DOES NOT INTERVENE FOR A PRESIDENT OR A COUNTRY BUT BECAUSE OF ONE'S CITIZENS. KOLWEZI HAS A FRENCH COMMUNITY. GISCARD SHOULD FOLD HIS ARMS? IF TOMORROW THERE WERE A COMMUNIST OR SOCIALIST PRESIDENT IN FRANCE, HE WOULD DO THE SAME THING, IF

NOT MORE." HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT " AFTER HAVING BEEN  
COLONIZED, WE RISK FALLING BACK UNDER THE DEPENDENCE OF  
THOSE WHO DID NOT HAVE ANY INTERESTS IN AFRICA. TIENKEN

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